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October 16, 2019

Mr. Daryl Roberts
Senior Vice President, Operations & Engineering Officer
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Dear Ms. Roberts:

cc:

Enclosed are questions that have been directed to you and submitted for the official record for the hearing on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, titled "The Devil They Knew: PFAS Contamination and the Need for Corporate Accountability, Part III."

Please return your written responses to these questions by Wednesday, October 30, 2019, including each question in full as well as the name of the Member. Your response should be addressed to the Committee office at 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Please also send an electronic version of your response by email to Amy Stratton, Deputy Clerk, at Amy.Stratton@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please contact Elisa LaNier, Chief Clerk, at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,

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Chairman

The Honorable Jim Jordan, Ranking Member

Questions for Mr. Daryl Roberts Senior Vice President, Operations & Engineering Officer at DuPont

Questions from Subcommittee on Environment: Rep Fred Keller (PA-12)

September 10, 2019, Hearing: "The Devil They Knew: PFAS Contamination and the Need for Corporate Accountability, Part III"

- 1. During your oral testimony, you described DuPont as a "specialty products company dedicated to solving some of the world's most pressing challenges, including those identified in the United Nations sustainable development goals." Please explain what you mean by "specialty products" and please elaborate on how DuPont is working to address the United Nations' sustainable development goals.
- 2. During your oral testimony, you referenced various commitments that DuPont has made with respect to PFAS. Please provide additional detail about DuPont's PFAS-related commitments.
- 3. During your oral testimony, you stated that DuPont endorses specific legislative proposals and congressional efforts to protect public health and the environment. Please describe the proposals DuPont supports.
- 4. During the hearing, Mr. Kirsch testified that the "maximum liability that DuPont estimated from North Carolina in the spinoff was \$2.09 million" and "that cleanup effort in stopping the emissions in that facility will cost us well north of \$200 million." Mr. Kirsch also testified that "DuPont designed the separation of Chemours to create a company where it can dump its liabilities to protect itself from environmental cleanup and related responsibilities." Please respond to Mr. Kirsch's testimony on this point.
- 5. One of the "takeaways" listed on the Subcommittee's website for its March 6, 2019, hearing on "Examining PFAS Chemicals and their Risks" is that "PFAS chemicals used in firefighting foam are the main cause of drinking water contamination at military installations and surrounding communities." Do you agree with that assessment?